

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Withdrawn) A method for making leather tiles, comprising the steps of:
 - a) preparing a semifinished leather tile having a first face and a second face;
 - b) introducing said semifinished leather tile in a plastic resin injection mould, with said first face oriented towards the bottom of the mould;
 - c) introducing the plastic resin in said mould, the resin filling the remaining free space; and,
 - d) hardening the plastic resin that becomes integral to said semifinished leather tile.
2. (Withdrawn) The method, of Claim 1, further comprises before said step b) a step i) comprises making at least one through hole of predetermined shape suitable for connecting said first face and said second face of said semifinished leather tile, whereby during said step of introducing the plastic resin in said mould said plastic resin fills said or each hole of said semifinished leather tile, after hardening said resin resulting thus visible from said first face forming a design, a script, a decoration, etc. matching said hole.
3. (Withdrawn) The method, of Claim 1, wherein said mould is shaped to allow a portion of said resin to harden at said second face of the semifinished leather tile, said resin sticking to said semifinished leather tile thus creating a strengthening layer that levels its thickness.
4. (Withdrawn) The method, of Claim 1, wherein said hardened resin has a side portion exceeding said second face of said semifinished leather tile, said side portion creating an exterior edge that surrounds the leather tile.
5. (Withdrawn) The method, of Claim 1, further comprising preliminarily to said step a) a step ii) machining the side edges for facilitating the approach of the leather tiles to one another when laying the lining.

6. (Currently amended) A leather tile, comprising:

a first face;

a second face; and

a layer of plastic resin fixed to said second face and

at least one through hole between said first face and said second face, said at least one through hole having a predetermined shape, said at least one through hole being filled with resin in order to form a pattern or a script matching said shape at said first face.

7. (Canceled) The leather tile of Claim 6, further comprising at least one through hole between said first face and said second face, said at least one through hole a having predetermined shape, said at least one through hole hole being filled with resin in order to form a pattern or a script matching said shape at said first face.

8. (Previously presented) The leather tile of Claim 6, wherein said resin extends along said second face, and wherein said tile comprises a first layer of leather associated with a second layer of said resin.

9. (Previously presented) The leather tile of Claim 6, wherein said resin has a side portion width exceeding the width of said second face of the leather tile, said resin thus creating an exterior edge that surrounds said leather.

10. (Currently amended) The leather tile of Claim 6, further comprising machined side edges for close alignment of adjacent tiles.

11. (New) A leather tile, comprising:

a first face;

a second face;

a layer of plastic resin fixed to said second face; and,

at least one through hole between said first face and said second face, said at least one through hole defining an area substantially enclosed within said leather tile periphery, said at least one through hole having a having predetermined shape, said at least one through hole being filled with resin in order to form a pattern or a script matching said shape at said first face.

12. (New) A leather tile produced by a process, comprising:

a) preparing a semifinished leather tile having a first face and a second face and having at least one through hole between said first face and said second face, said at least one through hole defining an area substantially enclosed within said leather tile periphery, said at least one through hole having a having predetermined shape;

b) introducing said semifinished leather tile in a plastic resin injection mould, with said first face oriented towards the bottom of the mould;

c) introducing the plastic resin in said mould, the resin filling the remaining free space, including substantially filing said at least one through hole; and,

d) hardening the plastic resin that becomes integral to said semifinished leather tile.